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EXPECTED LEVEL OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agriculture production in seven years had not been at the expected levels as reported in the `Hindu` dated January 8, 2006;

(b) if so, the expected and actual levels of agriculture production recorded during the said period;

(c) whether the Union Government has prepared any document to increase the agriculture production in the country in five years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): A perusal of the `Hindu` dated 8th January 2006, Delhi edition does not show the report mentioned. However, the targets and achievements of major agricultural commodities for the past 7 years, i.e. from 1999-2000 to 2005-06, are given in the table below:

T: Target in Million Tonnes
A: Achievement in Million Tonnes

Year	Foodgrains		Oilseeds		Sugarcane		Cotton@		Jute#	
	T	A	T	A	T	A	T	A	T	A
1999-2000	210.00	209.80	28.00	20.71	305.00	299.32	15.00	11.53	9.26	9.42
2000-01	212.00	196.81	28.00	18.44	325.00	295.96	14.50	9.52	8.92	9.32
2001-02	218.00	212.85	28.00	20.66	325.00	297.21	14.50	10.00	9.75	10.58
2002-03	220.00	174.77	27.00	14.84	320.00	287.38	15.00	8.62	10.68	10.27
2003-04	220.00	213.19	24.70	25.19	320.00	233.86	15.00	13.73	10.68	10.25
2004-05	225.10	198.36	26.20	24.35	270.00	237.09	15.00	16.43	10.60	9.40
2005-06 $	215.00	208.30	26.58	27.73	237.50	278.39	16.50	19.57	10.12	9.89

$ Achievements as per 4th Advance Estimates
@ Million bales of 170 Kgs. each
# Million bales of 180 Kgs. each

It may be seen from the table that although the achievements have been less than the targets in many cases, yet they are higher than targets in some cases.

(c) & (d): In order to increase productivity and production of cereals and pulses under specific crop based systems, Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) in Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals under the scheme of Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) are under implementation from October 2000 in the country as Centrally sponsored scheme. Under this scheme assistance is provided for inputs and training of farmers/extension workers as well as supply of critical inputs like seeds, sprayers and water saving devices like sprinklers and drip systems etc. To increase the production and productivity of oilseeds and pulses, ` Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) is under implementation since 01.04.2004. Under this scheme, assistance is provided for Production of breeder seed, foundation seed and certified seed, crash programme for quality seed production, distribution of certified seed, and Minikits, infrastructure development, Integrated Pest Management etc. Besides, front line demonstrations on improved production technologies in oilseeds and pulses are being conducted through Indian Council of Agricultural Research as a transfer of technology efforts among the farmers.

For cotton, Government of India launched technology mission since February 2000. Under the scheme, subsidy on the components like distribution of certified seeds and sprayers has been increased besides the rationalization of subsidy on other components.